



FINAL MINUTES
Meeting
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
Tuesday, March 9, 2010
8:30 a.m.
Santa Barbara MTD Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair Davis reported that all members were present with the exception of Director Weinberg. Chair Davis also stated that this meeting would be adjourned in honor of Director Anderson that recently passed away.

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

Imelda Martin, Executive Assistant to the General Manager and Board of Directors, reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, March 5, 2010 at MTD's administrative offices, emailed and mailed to those on the agenda minutes list, and posted on MTD's website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. & 5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES & CASH REPORT ATTACHMENT- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Director Britton moved to approve the draft minutes for the meeting of February 23, 2010 and the cash report for February 16, 2010 through March 1, 2010. Director Aceves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

AT THIS TIME DIRECTOR ACEVES MOVED TO POSTPONE AGENDA ITEM #11 DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA WAS INCORRECTLY NAMED. DIRECTOR BRITTON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment made.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

7. ANNIVERSARIES

General Manager Fisher introduced Jack Graham. Mr. Graham began his career with MTD as a driver on March 17, 1975. Upon retiring from driving in April 2009, Mr. Graham asked to continue working for MTD at the Transit Center as a Customer Service Representative. Jack has been a great addition to the CSR team with his wealth of knowledge on routes and schedules. His loyalty and pride in his job has been outstanding throughout the years.

Mr. Graham thanked MTD for the recognition. He stated that the two moments that define him are the phone call he made to date his wife. Secondly, the phone call he received from Joe Martinez, former Operations Manager offering him the opportunity to be here at MTD.

General Manager Fisher introduced Frank Reynoso Sr. Mr. Reynoso also began his career on the same day as Mr. Graham, March 17, 1975. Mr. Reynoso's son, Frankie Reynoso is also employed by MTD as the Facilities Specialist. Frank is fourth in driver seniority. Frank is consistently cheerful, safe and has high energy. Frank's employee file is filled with compliments.

Mr. Reynoso thanked MTD for the opportunity and for the memories and many more to come.

General Manager Fisher introduced Mr. Carl Flores. Carl was hired on March 13, 1975. Carl was promoted to Senior Operations Supervisor in dispatch. Carl starts up business in Operations at 2:45 a.m. He makes sure that every route is covered every day.

Mr. Flores stated that it's been a great 35 years with MTD. He has worked with a lot of great people throughout the years. He complimented General Manager Fisher on her accomplishments throughout the years. Carl said that MTD is a great family oriented organization.

Director Aceves stated that the 105 years combined service among these three employees is quite an accomplishment.

Director McQuary stated that during his employment with MTD from a staff's standpoint he recalls working with these drivers. These individuals were always very responsive and it was always a team effort. He stated that it was a pleasure to work with them.

8. UPDATE- CITY OF SANTA BARBARA (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

No report was made.

9. FISCAL YEAR 10-11 DRAFT BUDGET (ATTACHMENT- INFORMATIONAL)

Jerry Estrada, Assistant General Manager/ Controller, presented the draft operating and capital budget for FY 10-11. At the request of Chair Davis, Mr. Estrada explained the process the District uses to budget. Following the discussion Mr. Estrada stated that the District is facing tough times and he is very pleased that at this time there is not a need for lay offs or reduction of service. General Manager Fisher reminded the Board and the public in the audience that although the District has not had to lay anyone off, there is a hiring freeze. There have been staff positions that have gone unfilled. All current staff members have entered in a second year with no salary raises. On behalf of the Board and General Manager Fisher, Chair Davis recognized Mr. Estrada for his diligence, insight and care in protecting the resources of the community.

Along with a request from Director McQuary, Chair Davis requested that staff research news articles on what the status is of other agencies comparable to MTD in terms of service adjustments, fare increases, or other financial actions as a result of the economic downturn and State budget crisis .

In response to a question from Chair Davis with regard to a different outcome to the financial forecast on the sales tax, Mr. Estrada stated that he would be prepared to respond.

Chair Davis thanked the Finance Committee for their time in working with staff on this item.

10. RESOLUTION 10-01 TO FILE A CLAIM WITH THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SBCAG) FOR TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 (ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Director Fahnestock moved to approve Resolution 10-01 authorizing MTD staff to file a claim with SBCAG for allocation of TDA funds for fiscal year 2010-2011. Director Britton seconded the motion. The Board approved Resolution No. 10-01 to file a claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) for Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds for Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011. A roll call was taken and the Resolution passed unanimously with 5 Ayes and 1 absent.

11. SERVICE PLANNING CRITERIA AND EVALUATION PROCESS- (ATTACHMENT- INFORMATIONAL)

This item was item was postponed to a future meeting due to an incorrect title.

12. LIABILITY INSURANCE (ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Director Fahnestock moved to approve the renewal of Vehicle and General Liability Insurance. Director Britton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

General Manager Fisher stated that following a Board request of a joint meeting with the School District, staff is scheduled to meet with Dr. Sarvis and Mr. Smith with the Santa Barbara School District.

Steve Maas, Manager of Strategic Planning and Compliance updated the Board on the Measure A Strategic Plan. Following a discussion the Board agreed to meet with the Chair and Vice Chair.

General Manager Fisher reported that Plan Santa Barbara will hold an Open House on March 18, 2010. An email from the City of Santa Barbara Planning Division has been sent to all Board members.

General Manager Fisher reported that Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee held a community meeting to introduce the Concept Plan and discussed a presentation of Conceptual Land Use Policy Approach and Strategies.

Following a discussion Director Aceves requested that staff draft a letter to Supervisor Wolf's office addressing the Districts concerns.

General Manager Fisher thanked Vice Chair Aceves and the City of Goleta for the newest bus shelter on Hollister at Kellogg. Vice Chair Aceves requested that staff return to the Board with a list of bus stops in Goleta in need of bus shelters.

General Manager Fisher handed out a copy of the current Santa Barbara Seasons Magazine in which Chair Davis was featured in an article as Executive Director of the Community Environmental Council.

Vice Chair Aceves was also featured in Casa Magazine in the "On the Move" section of the magazine on his recent appointment as Vice Chair at MTD.

14. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

None was made.

15. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION-UNION NEGOTIATIONS- (NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN)

Prior to recessing to closed session, Chair Davis allowed the opportunity for public comment. There was none made. The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations with labor negotiators Sherrie Fisher, General Manager and Jerry Estrada, Assistant General Manager.

Upon returning from closed session. Chair Davis reported that there was no action taken.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Board recognizes Sharon Anderson's contribution to the MTD and the Santa Barbara community and unanimously moved to adjourn this meeting in her honor.

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